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SUBJECT: NEW SATELLITE EARTH DISH FOR BAHRAIN

1. UK GOVT-OWNED FIRM, CABLE & WIRELESS, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT BAHRAIN IS TO HAVE A SECOND EARTH SATELLITE DISH.

THE NEW 105 FOOT DIAMETER STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING DISH. THE PRESENT DISH, BUILT IN 1969, WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED IN COMMUNICATIONS VIA INDIAN OCEAN SYNCHRONOUS SATELLITES. THE NEW DISH WILL BE USED FOR COMMUNICATIONS VIA ATLANTIC OCEAN SATELLITE.

2. CABLE & WIRELESS IS LIMITING BIDDING ON THE NEW PROJECT TO SELECTED FIRMS FROM WHICH IT HAS INVITED DIRECT BIDS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHICH FIRMS WERE INVITED BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE LIST STANDS AT SEVEN AND INCLUDES FIRMS FROM THE U.S., U.K., CANADA, ITALY, JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY. THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF 1979. CLUVERIUS

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